(*b*) if so, when the same was received ; and

(*c*) what action was taken on the memorial ?

Mr. R. Krishnaswami Rao: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In April 1938.

(*c*) The matter is under enquiry by the Honorary Director of Ayurveda.

Yield of paddy lands in Kunnatnad, Muvattupuzha and Parur taluks.

94. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the quantity of paddy yielded by an acre of the best quality of paddy land of (1) single crop (2) double crop and (3) *punja* varieties in (i) the Kunnatdad (ii) Muvattupuzha and (iii) Parur taluks ; and

(*b*) the quantity of paddy that an acre of such paddy land can be made to yield by the best methods of cultivation known to the Department of Agriculture in the three taluks mentioned above ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: (*a*) The approximate average yield of paddy in lbs. per acre of the best quality of paddy lands in the taluks is as follows :

	Kunnatnad.		Muvattu-puzha.		Parur.	
Single crop lands ...	1500	1800	1800	2000	1300	1500
Double crop land (for one crop) ...	1200	1400	1500	1700	1200	1400
Punja land ...	1000	1200	1200	1400	1000	1200

(*b*) By adopting scientific and improved methods of cultivation recommended by the Department of Agriculture such lands could be made to yield about 20 to 25 per cent. more.

Purchase of crude oil for State Transport.

95. ***Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the price per ton of crude oil that they are purchasing for running the State Transport buses ;

(*b*) the company or companies from whom they make the purchase ;

(*c*) whether the price per ton of crude oil purchased by the Transport Department is higher or lower than the price at which such oil company or companies are selling to outsiders ;

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[Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar.]

(*d*) whether a considerably large quantity of crude oil is being purchased by the Kuttanad ryots annually for the purpose of draining out water from *punja* lands and *kayal* reclamations ; and

(*e*) whether the companies dealing in oils are supplying crude oil to certain estate owners and to the Tata Oil Mills, Cochin, at rates much lower than the rates at which they sell to other merchants and agriculturists ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : (*a*) The Transport Department does not use crude oil. High-speed Diesel oil is used for running the buses. The contract price of high speed oil is 6 annas 3 pies per gallon for delivery at Ernakulam.

(*b*) Burmah Shell Oil Storage and Distributing Co., of India Ltd.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*a*)

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Government have no information.

Selection of members for the Text-Book Committee.

96 ***Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair :** Will the Government be pleased to state the qualifications that weighed with them in selecting members for the present Text-Book Committee.

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : Representation of different branches of learning, interests and educational institutions.

Mr Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : May I know whether it was the intention of Government that the different branches of learning, interests, and educational institutions should co-exist in the selection of members for the Text Book Committee ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : No, Sir, not necessarily.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : May I know whether the members of the Text Book Committee have been selected on the sole criterion of their representing "interests" alone ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : No, not necessarily.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : May I know whether there is any member in the Text Book Committee who has not got any of these qualifications ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : I do not understand the question.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : May I know whether Government insist on the representation of the different branches of learning, interests and educational institutions existing at the same time when selection of members is made ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : It is not necessary.

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